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ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1966

To the Chairman and Members of the
Stourport-on-Severn Urban District Council

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Gazard and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report on the health of the Urban District for the year 1966.

The Report is divided into the following sections:—

- “A” Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.
- “B” General Provisions of Health Services for the Area.
- “C” Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.
- “D” Housing
- “E” Inspection and Supervision of Food.
- “F” Prevalence of and Control over Infectious Diseases.

Main Occupation of the Area

The principal industries of the area comprise the manufacture of carpets, ceramic insulators, chains for many purposes, wire cables, fans, timber products and electrical transformers. There is also a vinegar works and a factory producing concrete slabs of all kinds.

In addition there are:—

- (a) Three large Oil Companies engaged in the storage and distribution of petrol and oil.
- (b) One Company engaged in the bulk storage and distribution of imported timber.

All timber and some petrol and oil arrives by boat from Avonmouth, Stourport-on-Severn being the head of the portion of the River Severn which is navigable by commercial traffic. The quantity of petrol transported by river has decreased over the years because there has been a steady increase of petrol delivered by pipeline, this now being the main avenue of supply.

There is also in the district one of the largest Power Stations in the Midlands.

SECTION "A"

AREA IN ACRES	...	...	...	...	...	3218
NUMBER OF INHABITED HOUSES (end of 1966)	...	...	...	...	...	4761
according to rate books						
RATEABLE VALUE	...	...	...	...	...	£ 680702
SUM REPRESENTED BY ONE PENNY RATE	...	...	...	...	...	£ 2840
REGISTRAR GENERAL'S ESTIMATE OF						
RESIDENT POPULATION (1966)	...	...	...	...	...	14310

LIVE BIRTHS

				<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	1966	1965
Legitimate	...	...	...	161	143	304	297
Illegitimate	...	...	...	16	11	27	20
				177	154	331	317

THE BIRTH RATE per 1,000 estimated popu- lation for the Urban District	...	...	...	...	...	23.14	23.54
THE BIRTH RATE FOR ENGLAND AND WALES for the same period	...	...	...	...	...	17.7	18.00
ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS per cent of total live births was	...	...	...	...	...	8.8	6.3

STILL BIRTHS

				<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	1966	1965
Legitimate	...	...	...	3	1	4	6
Illegitimate	...	...	...	—	—	—	—
				3	1	4	6

THE STILL BIRTH RATE per 1,000 total live and still births was	12.04	18.25
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THE STILL BIRTH RATE per 1,000 total live and still births for England and Wales for the same period	15.4	15.7
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				<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	1966	1965
TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS	180	155	335	323

DEATHS

				<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	1966	1965
TOTAL DEATHS	74	63	137	137

THE DEATH RATE per 1,000 estimated popu- lation was	9.57	9.74
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THE DEATH RATE for the whole of England and Wales per 1,000 population was	11.7	11.5
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MATERNAL DEATH (including Abortion)	Nil	Nil
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	1966	1965
MATERNAL MORTALITY RATE for the year per 1,000 births (Live and Still) was ...	Nil	Nil
MATERNAL MORTALITY for England and Wales for the same period per 1,000 (Live and Still) was	0.26	0.25

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR

	Male	Female	1966	1965
Legitimate	Nil	3	3	5
Illegitimate	Nil	Nil	Nil	1
	Nil	3	3	6

INFANT MORTALITY RATE for the year per 1,000 total live births was	9.06	18.57
INFANT MORTALITY RATE per 1,000 total live births for the same period for England and Wales was	19.00	19.00
INFANT MORTALITY RATE per 1,000 legitimate live births was	9.86	16.66
INFANT MORTALITY RATE per 1,000 illegitimate live births was	Nil	50.00

NEONATAL MORTALITY

	1966	1965
Deaths of Infants under four weeks	2	2
Representing a rate of 6 per 1,000 live births.		
The Deaths of Infants under four weeks in England and Wales represents a rate of 12.9 per 1,000 live births.		

CAUSES OF DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR

	Male	Female
Congenital Malformations	Nil	1
Other ill defined diseases	Nil	2

EARLY NEONATAL MORTALITY RATE

	Male	Female
The deaths of infants under one week number representing a rate of 6 per 1,000 live and still births.	Nil	2

PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE

The still births and deaths under one week numbered 6 representing a rate of 18.12 per 1,000 live and still births.		
Deaths from Cancer (all ages) ... ..	...	25
Deaths from Measles ... ..	...	Nil
Deaths from Whooping Cough ... ..	...	Nil
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years) ... ..	...	Nil

CAUSES OF DEATHS (Including Transferable Deaths)

<i>Cause of Death</i>	<i>Sex</i>	<i>Total all ages</i>	<i>Under 4 weeks</i>	<i>4 weeks and under 1 year</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>55</i>	<i>65</i>	<i>75 and over</i>
2. Tuberculosis, Other	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
10. Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	M	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
	F	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	4
11. Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	M	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	5	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
12. Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
14. Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	M	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	3	2
	F	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1
16. Diabetes	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
17. Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	M	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	3	4	—
	F	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	3	2
18. Coronary Disease, Angina	M	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	7	6	—
	F	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	1	—
20. Other Heart Disease	M	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	5
	F	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	14	—
21. Other Circulatory Disease	M	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—
22. Influenza	M	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
23. Pneumonia	M	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	2	—
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
24. Bronchitis	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
25. Other Diseases of Respiratory System	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
26. Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	M	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
28. Nephritis and Nephrosis	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
29. Hyperplasia of Prostate	M	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
31. Congenital Malformations	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
32. Other Defined and Ill-Defined Diseases	M	6	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	1	—	2	1
	F	10	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	3	2
33. Motor Vehicle Accidents	M	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
34. All Other Accidents	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2
35. Suicide	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL All Causes	M	74	—	—	—	—	2	—	3	4	13	26	26
	F	63	2	1	—	—	—	—	1	2	8	17	32

SECTION " B "

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

Laboratory Services

Producer samples of milk and samples of piped water supplies are examined by the County Laboratory, Worcester, together with food for chemical analysis. The major part of the bacteriological and pathological work is carried out by the Public Health Laboratory Service, Worcester Royal Infirmary.

Ambulance Service

This service is administered by the County Council as Local Health Authority, and there is a system of wireless control with the headquarters in the County Medical Officer's Department at Worcester. The Kidderminster Ambulance Station provides a fully manned 24 hour service. An ambulance for infectious cases is stationed at Hayley Green Isolation Hospital (under the control of the Regional Hospital Board).

Hospitals

All Hospitals are administered by the Birmingham Regional Hospital Board through their Management Committee. The Kidderminster General Hospital received the majority of hospital patients from this district. The Lucy Baldwin Hospital provides the district and surrounding area with maternity beds.

Cases admitted to the Lucy Baldwin Maternity Hospital						
during the year	...	...	...	...	...	613
Women delivered	...	...	...	...	...	486
Infants born alive	...	...	...	...	...	484
Infant deaths	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Infants stillborn	...	...	...	...	...	5
Maternal Deaths	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Cases of Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	...	...	...	9
Cases of Ophthalmia Neonatorum	...	...	...	...	...	Nil

Infectious Diseases

Beds for infectious diseases are provided at Hayley Green Isolation Hospital, Halesowen, and at Newtown Isolation Hospital, Worcester. There were 5 cases admitted from Stourport-on-Severn during the year.

Tuberculosis

Out patient treatment is provided at the Kidderminster Hospital Dispensary, where Dr. Cronin attends, Wednesday mornings, Thursday and Friday afternoons. Inpatient treatment is arranged at Newtown, Worcester. Prevention and after-care remain the responsibility of the Local Health Authority and the service is administered locally by the After-care Sub-Committee.

Venereal Disease

In view of the closure of the clinic at Kidderminster Hospital, treatment and "follow-up" are carried out at clinics at the following hospitals:

Worcester Royal Infirmary
Dudley Guest Hospital
Royal Hospital, Wolverhampton

Nursing in the Home

The Service is administered by the local Health Authority. There are:

1. Three nurses who deal principally with the Midwifery and General Nursing. A car is provided.
2. Three whole-time Health Visitors and School Nurses who attend school medical inspections, treat minor ailments at the school clinic and visit cases of mental defect. They visit infants and children in the home and are responsible for their welfare from fourteen days until they attend school at five years old, when they continue to supervise under the school scheme. They act as general health advisors to the family in conjunction with the doctors, and give help wherever practicable, particularly with the ageing members of the family. They attend infant welfare clinics in their area, mothercraft and relaxation classes for expectant mothers, and a class for young fathers. For this purpose the Urban District is divided into three areas, one nurse being responsible for the Town Centre, Lower Heath and surrounding district, Areley Kings, Astley and part of the Walshes Estate; another nurse for Wilden and the remainder of the Walshes Estate, whilst the third nurse covers Burlish Park Estate and Newtown.
3. Another Health Visitor also visits cases of Tuberculosis.

Clinics

(a) ANTE-NATAL CLINICS

Ante-Natal Clinics are held every Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at the Lucy Baldwin Maternity Hospital in the charge of Doctors R. S. MacArthur, C. Mackie, D. K. Black, J. T. N. Williams, W. T. Mackie, J. W. Bywater and Matron respectively. A clinic is also held by the district midwives on the second and fourth Monday in each month.

(b) INFANT WELFARE CLINICS

- (i) Lucy Baldwin, a weekly clinic with doctor in attendance first and third Friday of each month.
- (ii) Wilden, held third Wednesday in each month.
- (iii) Areley Kings, held in Parish Hall, Areley Kings, on second and fourth Thursday afternoons. (In charge of Dr. J. W. Bywater).

Children under five are immunised at these clinics, small-pox vaccination is carried out as required, and oral poliomyelitis vaccine is given.

In addition a separate session for poliomyelitis immunisation (oral) is held at the Mitton Street School Clinic on the first Wednesday of each month at 5.0 p.m.

SECTION “C”

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water Supply

The majority of the dwellings in the area are supplied with water from the North West Worcestershire Water Board. The source of the supply is deep bores in the Bewdley Corporation’s area and the storage reservoirs are situated at Mount Pleasant.

45 Bacteriological samples of water were taken from the town supply. 39 were reported by the Bacteriologist as satisfactory and 6 unsatisfactory in a minor degree.

A report on a sample taken for chemical analysis from the town supply is given below : —

PHYSICAL CHARACTERS

Colour	Colourless
Odour	None
Deposit	None
	pH 7.2

CHEMICAL EXAMINATION (results expressed in parts per million)

Solids in Solution (Dried at 180° C)	...	...	190
Solids in Solution After Ignition	...	...	105
Chlorine present as Chloride	...	...	21
Hardness Non-Carbonate	...	...	37
Hardness Carbonate	...	...	100
Hardness Total	...	...	137
Ammoniacal Nitrogen	...	...	Nil
Nitrate Nitrogen	...	...	0.01
Permanganate Value (4 hours at 27° C)	...	...	6.7
Toxic Metals	...	...	Nil
Total Residual Chlorine	...	...	0.08
Fluorine	...	...	Nil
Synthetic Detergents (As Manoxol)	...	...	Nil

OPINION : —

The chemical condition of the sample is satisfactory.

(Signed) W. E. JONES,
County Analyst

Sewerage and Drainage

Disposal of sewerage at the Oldington Disposal Works used jointly with the Boroughs of Kidderminster and Bewdley has continued reasonably satisfactorily but the works are seriously overloaded.

Extensions and improvements to these works commenced early in the year and in consequence the planning embargo on housing development was lifted in April.

The Consulting Engineers are preparing a report on the sewerage system and pumping equipment in the urban district area and this should be available for consideration early 1967.

SECTION "D"

HOUSING

The Areley Kings estate of 20 Reema bungalows and two 2 bedroom houses has been completed.

The Mitton Gardens development of 8 bungalows and a 3 storey block of flats is nearing completion after innumerable delays. Houses built by private enterprise totalled 57.

Number of Council Houses in the Urban District	...	1431
(Use of 3 Minster Road and St. Michael's Lodge)		
Number of Huttred Dwellings requisitioned by		
the Council	... ..	Nil
Number of Houses requisitioned by the Council	...	Nil
Number of Applicants for Council Houses	...	329
Number of Applicants who are living in lodgings	...	134
Approximate total number of persons represented by		
application list	... ..	900

10 Demolition Orders were made during the year and the number of families rehoused from condemned properties was 5.
BURLISH PARK ESTATE (Private Development)

A further 30 houses have been completed and occupied during the year.

Caravan Sites

WALSHES FARM SITE (Council owned and controlled)

This site has accommodation for 123 caravans in addition to approximately 123 tenting sites for use during the summer holiday periods.

The First Aid Centre continues to provide a useful service in this camping site and it is fully manned during the hours 9.30 - 12.30 and 3.30 - 6.30 at holiday periods and weekends.

The First Aid Post on the river side continued to be manned satisfactorily during the peak times of the holiday periods.

PRIVATELY OPERATED SITES

HAYWOODS MEADOW — This site now has accommodation for 117 caravans, etc.

LICKHILL MANOR — Accommodation for 120 trailer caravans.

FOUR ACRES — Accommodation for 82 trailer caravans.

ROPE WALK — Accommodation for 33 trailer caravans.

All these sites now have adequate water supplies and sanitary facilities with electricity available on all sites except Haywoods Meadow.

SECTION “E”

SAMPLES OF FOOD AND DRUGS

TAKEN FOR ANALYSIS

Adulteration of Food

Mr. Owen, Chief Inspector of Weights and Measures, Worcestershire County Council, reports as follows:—

Sampling at Retail Level

During the year 1966, a total of 92 samples were taken in the Stourport-on-Severn Urban District, made up of 1 milk, 81 foods and 10 drugs. This represents a rate of sampling of 6.9 per 1000 of population based on the 1964 estimate.

The milk and drug samples were satisfactory. 3 of the food samples were reported against as follows:—

- (i) Anchovy pate — low in fish content — importers notified.
- (ii) Cornish pasty — low in meat content (local product) — makers amending recipe.
- (iii) Chocolate bars (2) — infested with larvae — retailers prosecuted — fined £10 with £3.3.0 costs on each of 2 cases.

Sampling at Other than Retail Level

A processing dairy in Kidderminster supplies bottled milk through retail channels in Stourport. Incoming milk to this dairy was sampled as follows (total samples 532):—

Channel Islands milk from churns	...	172 samples
Ordinary milk from churns	... ..	187 samples
Ordinary milk from farm tanks	... ..	173 samples
28 samples of C.I. milk were below the 4.0% fat content, but		

in each case the composite fat figure of the whole consignment was satisfactory. 12 samples of ordinary milk were below the presumptive standard fat content of 3.0% but again in each case the composite figure of the whole consignment was satisfactory.

There was no extraneous water found in any of the churn milk, but 3 farm tank samples contained small amounts, viz. 0.6%, 0.4% and 1.1%. Further follow-up samples from the same farm tanks were satisfactory.

37 samples (1 C.I. and 36 ordinary) were below the presumptive standard of 8.5% solids-not-fat but the freezing point test proved the deficiencies to be natural.

SECTION " F "

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Diphtheria Immunisation

The number of children immunised for the first time during the year at clinics, schools or by general practitioners was as follows :—

Pre-school children	...	...	226
School children ...	...	...	7
Reinforcing doses	...	...	405

Poliomyelitis Immunisation

Immunisation against poliomyelitis is now available at all infant welfare clinics.

Total number of **children** immunised during the year ...

300 primary, 433 boosters

Smallpox Vaccination

Pre-school children vaccinated	...	222
School children vaccinated	...	7
Pre-school children re-vaccinated		4
School children re-vaccinated	...	15

General

Cases of infectious diseases notified during the year are shown in the following table:—

<i>Diseases</i>	<i>Total Cases Notified</i>	<i>Cases Admitted to Hospital</i>	<i>Total Deaths</i>
Measles	318	—	—
Acute Primary Pneumonia .	1	—	—
Whooping Cough	3	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	10	—	—
Scarlet Fever	22	—	—
Infectious Jaundice	4	—	—
Infectious Hepatitis	2	—	—
Food Poisoning	1	—	—

Tuberculosis

The following table gives particulars of new cases of Tuberculosis and deaths from the disease in the area during the year:

<i>Age Periods</i>	<i>New Cases</i>				<i>Deaths</i>			
	<i>Pulmonary</i>		<i>Non- Pulmonary</i>		<i>Pulmonary</i>		<i>Non- Pulmonary</i>	
	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>
0—1 ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1— ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5— ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15— ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25— ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
35— ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
45— ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55— ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 and over	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Age unknown	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals ...	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1

B.C.G. Inoculation

Number of consents for testing and inoculation	215
Number tested	209
Percentage	82.0
Number positive	10
Result negative	199
Percentage positive	4.7
Vaccinated	199
Re-tested	—
Absent	6

Conclusion

The sanitary facilities provided by the Council have proved generally satisfactory during the year. However, serious consideration will have to be given to the forthcoming Consultants report on the sewage disposal arrangements and especially in relation to those parts where rapid development is likely to occur. Failing this overloading and consequent nuisance is likely in the foreseeable future.

There are still 329 applicants on the Council's housing list, very little change in numbers has occurred over the past 10 years, but the proportion in multiple occupation of houses has increased. Further provision of houses or bungalows suited to elderly people would make available larger houses for families.

I would like to thank the Chairman and Members of the Council and the Council's staff for their help and co-operation during the year.

R. W. MARKHAM,
Medical Officer of Health

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR 1966

To the Chairman and Members of the
 Stourport-on-Severn Urban District Council

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the report of the Public Health Inspector for the year 1966.

Meat Inspection

The tables below give details of meat inspected during the year 1966:—

ANIMALS INSPECTED

	<i>Cattle (exclud- ing Cows)</i>	<i>Cows</i>	<i>Calves</i>	<i>Sheep and Lambs</i>	<i>Pigs</i>
Number Killed ...	60	—	—	525	155
Number Inspected ...	60	—	—	525	155
All Diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci:					
Whole Carcasses con- demned	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	5	—	—	7	6
Percentage of the n u m b e r inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculo- sis or Cysticerci ...	8.33	—	—	1.33	3.87
Tuberculosis only:					
Whole carcasses con- demned	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	—	—	—	—	1
Percentages of the n u m b e r inspected affected with tubercu- losis	—	—	—	—	.64
Cysticercosis	—	—	—	—	—

Meat was condemned for the following reasons:

<i>Cause</i>	<i>Weight</i>
Tuberculosis	7 lbs
Bruising	9 lbs
Hydatid Cysts	21 lbs
Distomatosis and other parasitic conditions	53 lbs
Congestion	27 lbs
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	117 lbs
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Other Foods

The following foodstuffs were inspected at the request of shopkeepers and voluntarily surrendered for disposal:—

Ham	4 tins
Corned Beef	15 tins
Veal	2 tins
Tongue	2 tins
Salmon	2 tins
Smoked Golden Cutlets	5 lbs.

In addition to the above, complaints are received from time to time regarding the conditions of food or food containers purchased locally.

Immediate investigation of such complaints is made and where necessary the assistance of the Analyst's Department and Public Health Laboratory is called in.

Food and Drugs Act 1955 — Section 16

Registration of premises used for the manufacture of prepared foods:—

Number on Register	9
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Details of Food Manufactured

<i>Number of Premises</i>	<i>Food Manufactured</i>	
2	Sausage, Cooked Meat Pies	
1	Sausage only	
3	Sausage and Pickled Tongues	
1	Meat Pickling	
1	Cooked Ham only	
1	Ice Cream	
Premises Registered for sale of Ice Cream		65

ICE CREAM SAMPLES				
<i>No. of Samples</i>	<i>Results Notified in Grades by Public Health Laboratory Service</i>			
	1	2	3	4
9	4	3	1	1
ICE LOLLIES				
<i>No. of Samples</i>	<i>Satisfactory</i>		<i>Unsatisfactory</i>	
2	2		—	

Number of Food Premises in the Area

<i>Type of Business</i>						<i>Number</i>
Works Canteen	...	...	...	...	...	6
School Kitchens		...	...	...	...	2
Bakery and Confectionery			...	...	...	4
Grocers and Provision Merchants				...	...	17
General Food	...	...	...	...	...	28
Sweet Shops	...	...	...	...	...	8
Greengrocers	...	...	...	...	...	6
Wet Fish Shops		...	...	...	...	3
Butchers Shops		...	...	...	...	11
Cooked Meats	...	...	...	..	...	3
Fish Friers	...	...	...	...	...	5
Licensed Premises (including Clubs and Off-Licences)	...	...	...	...	...	50
Cafe and Snack Bars		...	...	...	...	10
Mobile Canteen		...	...	...	...	2

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963

This Act came into operation in 1964. The aim of the Act is to secure registration of all office and shop premises where persons are employed.

Standards of health, safety and welfare facilities are laid down in the Act and its various orders.

The following table indicates the position at 31st December, 1966:—

<i>Class of premises</i>	<i>No. of premises Registered during the year</i>	<i>Total No. of Registered premises at end of year</i>	<i>Number of Registered premises receiving a general inspection during year</i>
Offices	1	34	6
Retail Shops	8	77	25
Wholesale S h o p s , warehouses ...	—	3	—
Catering establish- ments open to the public	—	17	6
Canteens	—	—	—
Fuel Storage depots...	—	1	—
	9	132	37

Analysis of Persons Employed

<i>Class of Premises</i>	<i>No. of Employees</i>
Offices	189
Retail Shops	350
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	41
Catering establishments open to the public	122
Canteens	—
Fuel Storage depots	4
	706
	334 Males
	372 Females
Number of Accidents reported	1
Number of Accidents investigated	1

HOUSING

Action under Statutory Powers during the year

- (a) Proceedings under Section 16, 17 and 18 of the Housing Act 1957.
- | | | | | |
|---|-----|-----|-----|----|
| (1) Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made | ... | ... | ... | 10 |
| (2) Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made | ... | ... | ... | — |
| (3) Number of Undertakings not to re-let accepted | ... | | | — |
| (4) Number of Houses demolished following Statutory Action | ... | ... | ... | 10 |
- (b) Proceedings under the Public Health Act.
- | | | | | | |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| (1) Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which informal notices were served requiring defects to be remedied | ... | ... | ... | ... | 40 |
| (2) Number of Houses in which defects were remedied following formal notices | ... | ... | ... | ... | 9 |
- (c) Proceedings under Part III of the Housing Act 1957 (Clearance Areas)
- | | | | | | |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Nil |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|

Public Cleansing

Refuse Collection

The collection of refuse throughout the district continued to be maintained on a weekly basis. Bonus payments no doubt provide the incentive to ensure that the rounds are completed at the end of each week.

Again no serious difficulties were experienced during the year in maintaining full establishment in the Cleansing Department. Unfortunately though during the Spring and Summer months it is always difficult to maintain fully staffed collection teams due to holidays and absenteeism through sickness.

Refuse Disposal

All refuse is disposed of at the Bonemill Quarry. One man is employed on a full time basis to control the tip, to ensure that all refuse is disposed of in an organised manner. A limited amount of trade waste from local industries is accepted on to the tip on a payment of 3/- per load.

Salvage Collection and Disposal

Waste paper continues to form the bulk of salvageable materials and it is from this source the greatest income is gained. The refuse collectors collect the paper salvage from private dwellings along with household refuse. A separate independent

collection of paper salvage continues to be made from the majority of shops and factories in the town without change.

Other salvage is sorted at the tip and during the year the income from salvage was as follows:—

				1966			1966			1965		
				<i>Weight</i>			<i>Amount Realised</i>			<i>Amount Realised</i>		
				<i>tons</i>	<i>cwts.</i>	<i>qrs.</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Waste Paper	...			71	3	—	554	11	10	754	4	4
Scrap Metal	...			—	—	—	51	11	1	29	1	7
Tins	...	...		—	—	—	1	0	0	12	0	0
Rags, etc.	...			—	—	—	1	2	6	3	1	0
							<hr/>			<hr/>		
							608	5	5	798	6	11
							<hr/>			<hr/>		

Details of Cost of Collection and Disposal of Refuse and Salvage during 1966

	<i>£</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Expenditure	19231	1	4
Income	1324	3	0

Cleansing of Cesspools and Pail Closets

There has been no change in this service during the year. Cesspools in the district are emptied as frequently as necessary free of charge and pail closets emptied once per week at domestic premises and twice per week at commercial premises.

With the financial aid now available for improvements to domestic properties I look forward to the day when the external pail closet will take its place in history along with the privy middens.

Details of Revenue from Private Works

	<i>£</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Chargeable Work outside the District	...	68	10 0
Chargeable Work inside the District	...	18	11 3

Public Weighbridge

This apparatus sited at Bonemill Quarry is attended on a part-time basis by the operative baling and sorting paper salvage.

Outdoor Staff Employed on Public Cleansing

- 2 Refuse Freighter Driver/Loaders.
- 8 Refuse Loaders.
- 1 Refuse and Salvage Driver/Loader.
- 1 Refuse and Salvage Attendant.
- 2 Salvage Balers and Weighbridge Attendants.
- 1 Gully/Cesspool Emptyier Driver.
- 1 Gully/Cesspool Emptyier Attendant.
- 1 Tip Attendant.

RODENT CONTROL

Summary of Work carried out in 1966

<i>Rodent Control PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949</i>	<i>Local Authority Premises</i>	<i>Dwelling Houses (including Council Houses)</i>	<i>All other (including Business Premises)</i>	<i>Agricul- tural</i>
No. of properties in Local Authority's District ...	34	4775	421	25
No. of properties inspected as a result of:				
(a) Notification	5	247	19	—
(b) Survey under the Act	8	266	31	13
(c) Otherwise (e.g. when visited primarily for some other purpose)...	—	10	28	—
No. of properties inspected which were found to be infested by:				
(a) Rats—Major ...	—	—	—	—
Minor ...	9	452	45	—
(b) Mice—Major ...	—	—	—	—
Minor ...	2	41	7	—
No. of infested properties treated by Local Authority	6	463	40	—
Total treatments carried out including re-treatments	13	472	58	—
No. of “Block” Control Schemes carried out ...	4	—	—	—

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

Public Conveniences serving the town are as follows:

- (a) Bridge Street, Men and Women.
- (b) Lion Hill, Men and Women.
- (c) Rear Swan Hotel, Women and Men's Urinal only.
- (d) Memorial Park, Men and Women.
- (e) Severn Meadows Car Park, Men and Women. Open during holiday season only.
- (f) Walshes Farm Car Park, Men and Women. Open during holiday season only.

This is a new block adjoining the toilets provided for the caravan site.

In spite of the amount of damage by fair means and foul these conveniences have functioned satisfactorily throughout the year.

MORTUARY

In 1966 41 bodies were placed in the Council's Mortuary.

Factories Act 1961
Part 1 of the Act

1. Inspection for the purpose of provisions as to Health (including inspections by Public Health Inspector).

<i>Premises</i> (1)	<i>Number on Register</i> (2)	<i>Number of</i>		
		<i>Inspec- tions</i> (3)	<i>Written Notices</i> (4)	<i>Occupiers Prosecuted</i> (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	2	3	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...	66	27	2	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	—	2	—	—
	68	32	2	—

2. Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prose- cutions were in- stituted
	Found	Reme- died	Referred		
			to H.M. Inspec- tor	by H.M. Inspec- tor	
Want of Cleanliness (S1)	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S2)	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temp- erature (S3)	—	—	—	1	—
Inadequate ventila- tion (S4)	1	1	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S6)	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary conveni- ences (S7):					
(a) Insufficient	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	1	—	1	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	1	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	—	—	—	—	—
Total	2	2	—	3	—

NUMBER OF FACTORIES (31st December, 1966)

Light Engineering	...	...	...	...	...	3
Motor Body Builders	...	...	...	...	...	5
Vinegar Works	...	...	...	...	...	1
Making of Lock Gates		...	...	...	...	1
Repair of Canal Boats		...	...	...	...	1
Wire Manufacturers	...	...	...	...	...	1
Food Manufacturers	...	...	...	...	...	7
Agricultural Implement Manufacturers				...	...	2
Boat Building	...	...	...	...	...	2
Power Plant	...	...	...	...	...	1
Agriculture Merchants (Feeding Stuffs)				...	...	2
Gravel Pits	...	...	...	...	...	2
Timber Merchants	...	...	...	...	...	2
Manufacturers of Wood Products				...	...	1
Carpenters and Engineers		...	...	...	...	1
Builder's Yard	...	...	...	...	...	4
Motor and Motor Cycle Engineers				...	...	6
Engineers	...	...	...	...	...	6
Chain Manufacturers	...	...	...	...	...	1
Chain Repairing	...	...	...	...	...	1
Joinery	...	...	...	...	...	1
Storage Petroleum Products				...	...	4
Precast Stone Products	...	...	...	...	...	1
Electrical Component Manufacturers				...	...	3
Civil Engineers	...	...	...	...	...	1
Carpet Manufacturers	...	...	...	...	...	3
Toy Manufacturers	...	...	...	...	...	1
Metal Brackets	1
Pipe Fitting	1
Die Casting	1
Repair to Automatic Machines	1

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Pet Shops

There are no shops licensed to keep pets for sale in the district.

Summary of Inspection and Visits 1966

Housing Act						
Routine and Revisits	...	...	...	...	...	44
Repairs and Revisits	...	...	...	...	...	10
Overcrowding	...	...	...	...	...	4
Improvement Grants	...	...	...	...	...	5
Certificates of Disrepair	...	...	...	...	...	4
Public Health Act						
Nuisance (Complaints)	...	...	...	...	...	165
Revisits	...	...	...	...	...	142
Infectious Disease						
Enquiries	...	...	...	...	...	3
Food Hygiene Regulations						
Food Shops General	...	...	...	...	...	86
Cafe and Restaurants	...	...	...	...	...	11
Canteens	...	...	...	...	...	4
Mobiles	...	...	...	...	...	7
Fish Friers	...	...	...	...	...	4
Ice Cream Premises						
Routine	...	...	...	...	...	6
Samples	...	...	...	...	...	10
Unsound Food	...	...	...	...	...	22
Factories Act						
Mechanical Power	...	...	...	...	...	27
Non-Mechanical Power	...	...	...	...	...	3
Building Sites	...	...	...	...	...	2
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act					...	49
Caravan Sites						
Unauthorised Caravan Sites	22
Shack Area	17
Prevention of Damage by Pests					...	771

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Salvage Weighbridge	71
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Refuse Disposal Tip	59
Public Conveniences	106
Clean Air Act	5
Food Inspection	25
Slaughterhouses					
Meat Inspection	...	...	...	...	176
Routine	...	...	...	...	5
Mortuary	...	...	...	...	16
Water Supply					
Routine	...	...	...	...	2
Samples	...	...	...	...	50
Drainage					
Private Drains	...	...	...	...	73
Public Sewers	...	...	...	...	17
Main Sewers	...	...	...	...	4
Cesspools	...	...	...	...	29
Ditchcourse	...	...	...	...	22
Trade Refuse	...	...	...	...	17
Trade Effluent					
Samples	...	...	...	...	3
Inspections	...	...	...	...	13
Disinfestation	...	...	...	...	20
Noise Abatement	...	...	...	...	2
Interviews	...	...	...	...	65
Pet Animals	...	...	...	...	3
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	51

Conclusion

The year has been marked by two most important events in the history of the town.

1. The construction and opening of a modern municipal office block and civic centre, which is very much appreciated by all officers and staff employed by the Local Authority.
2. An event which though not quite so spectacular as the first but may have far more influence in the future of the town was the Public Inquiry held by the Minister in June on an appeal against the County Council's boundaries review, the result of which is still awaited.

Apart from changes in office staff brought about by an unfortunate illness the work of the department and the outside services has been maintained throughout the year.

I wish to record my appreciation for the help and assistance received from the Chairman and Members of the Council and all my colleagues.

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